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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : LIGNELL et al. Confirmation No: 4529
Appl. No. : 10/088,496
Filed : March 29, 2002
Title : USE OF XANTHOPHYLLS, ASTAXANTHIN e.g., FOR
TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES, CHRONIC
VIRAL AND INTRACELLULAR BACTERIAL INFECTIONS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for THREE (3) months to September 30, 2003.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(c) for a three month extension of time is \$465.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Small entity status has been established. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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